REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 10, 17, 18, 21-23, 26, 27, 31, 36, 43-47 and 50-52 are pending with entry of this amendment. Claims 23 and 52 are amended herein. These amendments introduce no new matter. Support for these amendments is found in the specification and claims as originally filed. These amendments are made without prejudice and are not to be construed as abandonment of any previously claimed subject matter.

The amendment to claims 23 and 52 is for the purpose of adding the term "an isomerase" to the Markush groups of those claims. Support for these amendments can be found in the specification, *e.g.*, see the specification at paragraphs **0008**, **0034** and **0084**.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the Amendment. No fee should be required.

CONCLUSION

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Attachments:

- 1) A transmittal sheet; and
- 2) A receipt indication postcard.